

GREATER LAFAYETTE AREA TRANSPORTATION & DEVELOPMENT STUDY

TECHNICAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 25, 2009

Jon Fricker
Sallie Fahey
Jennifer Bonner
Opal Kuhl
Dave Buck
Sgt. Max Smith
Betty Stansbury
Capt. Chris LeRoux
John Connell (proxy for Marty Sennett)

JTRP
Area Plan Commission
Lafayette City Engineer
Tippecanoe County Highway Director
West Lafayette City Engineer
Lafayette Police Department
Purdue University Airport
West Lafayette Police Department
GLPTC

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Tom VanHorn
Larry Heil

Community Development/Redevelopment Dept.
FHWA

ALSO PRESENT

John Thomas
Doug Poad
Melissa Baldwin
Anna Burman
Dorothy Schneider

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Chair Jon Fricker called the meeting to order at 2:00p.m.

I. TIP AMENDMENT FOR THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009

John Thomas stated the purpose of the special meeting is to take another step in the process of developing a list of projects that could be funded by the recovery bill. He referred to the distributed list of projects submitted by the jurisdictions, INDOT, Purdue University Airport and CityBus. He is anticipating we will receive \$3.78 million and the requests total over \$15.6 million. He is looking for input from the Committee to pare the list down to around \$5 million. He asked Larry Heil if he has any additional information.

Larry Heil stated other MPOs are taking a large wish list and trying to pare the list down. He suggested programming to the anticipated funds.

Sallie Fahey added that we know what is ready to go and now the task is to fiscally constrain the list.

John Thomas asked if additional funds should be programmed for projects that may drop out or be changed.

Larry Heil suggested having a waiting list of projects. It has been suggested that the full share be programmed and to have projects that can be readily inserted should any programmed projects drop out or be changed.

Sallie Fahey believes the question is how much should be put into the TIP.

John Thomas asked if there is a problem with putting more into the TIP than the anticipated funds and then further constraining the list when the final figures are announced.

Larry Heil again stated that only the \$3.78 million should be programmed.

Sallie Fahey stated the goal was not to amend the TIP four or five times and that it would be easier to remove projects from the TIP than to add projects. FTA recommended that the whole list be included in the TIP because it is easier to remove projects from the TIP.

Larry Heil does not believe it should be done that way. He feels the final funding amounts should be coming out any day.

Sallie Fahey feels the Committee should program to the \$3.78 million and as Larry Heil suggested, include a couple more projects to go through the process and be administratively amended to the constrained portion of the TIP.

Larry Heil added that INDOT's LPA section is putting out information.

Sallie Fahey asked if the 2% *TE* money is over and above the \$3.78 million.

Larry Heil replied that the *TE* will be programmed by INDOT and he does not know what that is over an above.

Sallie Fahey assumes the formula INDOT came up with for last year, where MPOs received an actual allocation, will be used again. She noted that the \$8.6 million for the bridge over the Norfolk Southern tracks is not part of the \$12 million.

John Thomas concurred and added that the \$12 million is only for local highway related projects. The \$12 million figure also has an additional 15% included for construction engineering. He added that the intent of the stimulus bill is to create jobs. He asked the Committee to consider giving the money only to the highest priority projects.

Sallie Fahey expanded on that to make it the highest priority projects on a community-wide basis.

John Thomas added that there is also the option of selecting the projects that are already in the queue and ready to go. He went on to say that the projects can be prioritized to give each jurisdiction a little bit of money.

Betty Stansbury asked if the \$3.78 million is for highway projects only.

John Thomas replied that the funds are for highway and do not include aviation.

Sallie Fahey stated that the three Purdue Airport projects will go in as they are and not as part of the prioritizing for the other projects. The same will apply for CityBus.

Betty Stansbury then asked about Purdue's other projects, like sidewalks and such.

John Thomas replied that at this time the Purdue sidewalk projects are not part of the LPA. Jim Knapp has provided those projects to INDOT to be included as part of their request to use the state's portion of the bill.

Sallie Fahey stated that all state projects have to be in the TIP as well. State projects will use state and federal money and local projects will use 100% federal money.

Dave Buck stated that after talking with his consultant West Lafayette is looking to move forward a part of Phase 1A of the Purdue Ring Road, Purdue Perimeter Parkway. It is from the intersection of Harrison

Street and Jischke Drive down to the US 231 corridor where a roundabout will be created back east to Grant Street. This has been moving forward faster because the right-of-way phase is easier than anticipated and he is expecting that the part of the right-of-way that Purdue owns will be donated. STP funds will be used for that project.

John Thomas asked what the level of funding will be needed to move that project forward.

Dave Buck stated that project will use all the funds but added that he is not asking for all the funds but rather adding a project to the list to go to construction obligation in the one year time frame allotted. Right now he is looking at an October/November time frame.

Sallie Fahey asked if the decision is to be made based on the perceptions that the community-wide projects are the highest priority or that the priority decisions are made jurisdiction to jurisdiction so that everyone receives some money.

Opal Kuhl remembers that the Major Moves money was done similarly.

Dave Buck would like to see everyone get a share of the money.

The Committee concurred.

Sallie Fahey stated that now we know how to proceed each of the jurisdictions could get \$1 million each and the remaining \$780,000.00 could go into some of the small communities for sidewalk/trail projects.

John Thomas feels the majority of the sidewalk projects in the smaller jurisdictions are still in the conceptual stage and have not gone through any detailed vetting with regard to right-of-way. That creates some uncertainty.

Dave Buck asked Opal Kuhl if she can put all the resurfacing into one project. Eh would like to share the cost of inspection of the Salisbury resurfacing can be included with the other resurfacing projects.

Opal Kuhl replied that those projects are normally done individually.

Sallie Fahey added that Opal Kuhl has some certified inspectors.

Opal Kuhl feels the projects can be put together but so far everyone has been vague about the details. She believes a contract can be let for on-call inspections.

Jenny Bonner asked when the meeting with Joe Spear is.

Sallie Fahey believes the meeting is next Thursday the 26th.

Anna Burman stated the meeting with Joe Spear is Thursday, March 5th.

Opal Kuhl thinks it is a good idea to share the resurfacing inspections.

Jenny Bonner likes the idea of each jurisdiction receiving \$1 million each with the rest of the money going to the smaller communities.

Sallie Fahey asked if the standard MVH formula will be used and applied to the \$.78 million or does the Committee want to do something else when dividing the money among the smaller communities.

Opal Kuhl believes \$300,000.00 should be allocated to the projects for Battle Ground, Dayton, Stockwell, Clarks Hill and Buck Creek.

Sallie Fahey stated that will still leave \$3,481, 957.00 to allocate. To simplify, she will round that off to \$3.5 million. She asked if the MVH money can be applied to see what everyone will get from the \$3.5 million.

Opal Kuhl suggested looking at how the Major Moves money was divided up.

Dave Buck concurred.

Doug Poad added that the percentages can remain the same.

Dave Buck suggested tracing the 2006 numbers to give a good idea of how the funds were divided up.

Opal Kuhl believes \$650,000.00 a year was allotted to each jurisdiction for two years.

Doug Poad stated the 2006 MHV division from the TIP was;

West Lafayette	\$1,323,368.00
Tippecanoe County	\$4,564,347.00
Lafayette	\$5,249,681.00

The Committee disagreed with those figures.

Doug Poad stated those figures came right off the report.

Sallie Fahey suggested that those figures may reflect interest and carry-over from previous years.

Opal Kuhl recalls the Major Moves division was;

Lafayette	\$220,000.00 (2x)	21%
Tippecanoe County	\$650,000.00 (2x)	63%
West Lafayette	\$160,000.00 (2x)	16%

After checking the figures, the Major Moves distribution was:

Lafayette	\$826,270.00	26.6%
West Lafayette	\$622,000.00	20.1%
Tippecanoe County	\$1,653,000.00	53.3%

Sallie Fahey noted that projects can begin once they are in the TIP.

Melissa Baldwin applied the Major Moves distribution to the remaining stimulus funds;

Lafayette	\$932,000.00
West Lafayette	\$700,000.00
Tippecanoe County	\$1,860,000.00

Sallie Fahey asked if everyone agrees with distributing the money this way.

Jennifer Bonner proposed an even split of the \$3.48 million.

Opal Kuhl prefers using the MVH/Major Moves formula because it has been used for years and it works. Lane miles, population and several other things go into that formula to come up with an equitable distribution.

Dave Buck stated the priorities projects for West Lafayette are;

1. Salisbury, Wiggins to Robinson \$517,500.00
2. Yeager widening, US 231 to US 52 \$101,516.00

Jenny Bonner stated the Lafayette priority projects are:

1. Main Street, 18th to US 52 \$1,031,550.00
2. Union-Salem traffic signals \$ 69,000.00
3. Downtown traffic signals \$ 69,000.00

Sallie Fahey stated that subtracting the cost of those projects from the \$3,480,000.00 stimulus balance will leave a total of \$1,711,434.00 for Tippecanoe County.

Dave Buck asked if using money from several transportation bills for the Yeager Road widening is a problem. STP money is already programmed for the Yeager right-of-way.

Sallie Fahey does not see that that will be a problem. The recovery act money will be at 100% and not the 80-20 split for the STP money.

Opal Kuhl listed the priorities for the Tippecanoe County projects;

1. CR 750 W, Cr 125 N to SR 26	\$ 86,250.00
2. CR 100 E, CR 510 S to CR 430 S	\$115,000.00
3. CR 350 N, Morehouse to West Lafayette city limits	\$ 28,750.00
4. CR 50 S, CR 550 E to CR 675 E	\$143,750.00
5. CR 450 N, SR 25 to CR 500 E	\$115,000.00
6. Pretty Prairie, Battle Ground to Tyler Road	\$402,000.00
7. Old US 231, CR 350 S to CR 500 S	\$172,500.00
8. CR 500 S, Union Township line to OLD US 231	\$115,000.00
9. Jackson Highway, SR 26 to US 52	\$345,000.00
10. Eisenhower, Lafayette city limits to CR 300 N	\$230,000.00

Melissa Baldwin stated that the total of all the prioritized projects is \$42,000.00 over the allocation.

Larry Heil stated those figures are close enough.

Melissa Baldwin went on to say the jurisdiction distribution is:

Tippecanoe County	50%
Lafayette	33%
West Lafayette	17%

Larry Heil reminded the Committee that March 2010 is the dates all project money has to be in FEMIS. That will allow INDOT to use the encumbered funds for state projects.

Dave Buck asked if Phase 1A of the Purdue Ring Road can be the catchall/project in-waiting.

Larry Heil stated FHWA wants to make sure the prioritized projects are ready to go.

Sallie Fahey feels it is worthwhile to take a vote on this part of the project list at this time.

John Connell moved to approve the West Lafayette, Lafayette and Tippecanoe County project list and that Phase 1A of the Purdue Ring Road be the next project eligible for unused Recovery Act STP funds. Jenny Bonner seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Jon Fricker asked if the projects below the line should be reviewed.

Betty Stansbury stated that Purdue Airport would like to leave all three projects in because she believes at least the fence project will be funded and should be under grant this summer. The other two projects are questionable but she would still like to leave them in.

The Purdue University priorities are;

1. Hangar construction	\$1,300,000.00
2. Hangar rehabilitation	\$6,000,000.00
3. Perimeter fence	\$1,000,000.00

John Connell stated CityBus plans to revise the list to bring the total down to the estimated \$2.4 million.

Sallie Fahey believes a closer number will work better.

John Connell stated the priorities for CityBus are;

1. Two hybrid trolley	\$1,060,000.00
2. One 40' bus	\$390,000.00
3. Staff Vehicles	\$ 60,000.00
4. GFI Trim Units (65)	\$292,500.00

5. Electrical upgrade	\$ 67,500.00
6. CAD/AVL Hardware	\$500,000.00
7. Shelters (2)	\$ 30,000.00
8. River Road lighting	\$50,000.00
9. Maintenance storage	\$50,000.00
10. New telephone system	\$25,000.00

John Connell went on to say the new total of \$2,525,000.00 for CityBus is \$111,901.00 over the allocation. The shortage will be made up locally.

Sallie Fahey asked if the Purdue Airport projects should be part of the TIP amendment because the funds will come from the state if the projects are funded.

John Thomas suggested keeping the Purdue University projects in the TIP to voice this community's preference.

Sallie Fahey asked if our TIP can list projects and put them in the unfunded section.

Larry Heil feels that will be OK.

Opal Kuhl asked Sallie Fahey to word the motion.

Sallie Fahey asked Betty Stansbury if she has heard anything about the hangar projects.

Betty Stansbury replied that she is confident the fence project will be funded and she has not heard anything about the other two projects.

Sallie Fahey said the motion should be to "recommend the three Purdue Airport projects and the CityBus projects as revised into the funded portion of the TIP and the Purdue projects be put into the unfunded portion of the TIP".

Opal Kuhl moved that the three Purdue Airport projects and the CityBus projects, as revised, go into the funded portion of the TIP and the Purdue University projects go into the unfunded portion of the TIP. Dave Buck seconded and the motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

II. OTHER BUSINESS:

NONE

III. ADJOURNMENT:

Opal Kuhl moved to adjourn the meeting. Dave Buck seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40p.m.



Sallie Dell Fahey
Secretary